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ATTN: 104 (e) Task

SUBJECT: Your Inquiry 3HW14

Dear Sirs:

In order to meet your request concerning business transactions between Valley Welding Supply Company and Fike Chemical, we have the following information you requested.

1a. Our company records indicate we supplied industrial gases to Fike Chemical starting 3/85 thru 4/86.

1b&c. Our company sold the following gases in cylinders to Fike for Fikes' use as listed below by the following:

TYPE OF CYLINDER	TOTAL CUBIC FEET SOLD	NUMBERS OF CYLINDERS DELIVERED
Breathing Air	23,343	93
Nitrogen	5,520	24
Hydrogen	6,665	31
Oxygen	22,079	85
Acetylene	5,263	30
Medical Oxygen	19	1

1d. Our activity of business with Fike Chemical was to provide Industrial Gases for their use in their operations. Our company billed Fike for the gases sold to them and by my best guess how Fike used these gases are as follows. Oxygen and Acetylene probably were used for welding and cutting of steel, B-Air would be used for breathing in a toxic or low oxygen environment. Medical Oxygen for use in an emergency if a person was over come by toxic fumes. Hydrogen, I have no idea what Fike used it for.

1e. Attached are random shipping papers and invoices pertaining to our sales to Fike chemical as requested.

1f. Attached are chemical MSDS sheets for your review covering the gases sold to Fike Chemical. All gases sold to Fike Chemical were shipped in DOT Industrial Cylinders which when emptied by the customer are to be returned back to our company. "Please refer to attached shipping papers and invoices under return column.

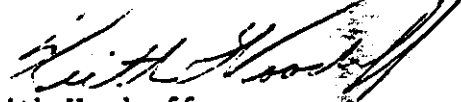
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1g-j. Our gases do not fall under the category of waste material, spent chemical or by products, they are not waste materials such as Fike disposed of for companies or for themselves as indicated by your requests.

I hope this information we've provided you answers the questions of inquiry 3HW14. In addition, I've attached an information sheet which will help you understand what our nature of business consists of. Should you have any further questions, please write or call me at (304) 232-1541.

Sincerely,

VALLEY WELDING SUPPLY COMPANY



Keith Woodruff
Vice President Operations

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cc: Lawrence Bandi

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